

## ABSTRACT

The present invention relates to systems and methods for locating references related to a target intellectual property item in one or more accessible information storage systems. In accordance with the present invention, one or more search terms associated with the target item are received. Where possible, the received terms are expanded to include variations of interest. The expanded search terms are used to conduct searches in the accessible information storage systems. The search results are accumulated in a search result set. A report based upon the search result set is generated and transmitted to an output device. A typical system implementing the present invention includes a data store in communication with one or more processors.